

CLAIMS:

1. A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a solid core of at least one layer, an intermediate layer enclosing the solid core, and a cover enclosing the intermediate layer, wherein

said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 0.8 to 2 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 65, said cover has a gage  $G_2$  of 0.5 to 1.3 mm and a Shore D hardness of 37 to 53, and the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $[G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 45\%$ .

2. The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 1 to 2 mm.

3. The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said solid core undergoes a deflection of 3 to 4.5 mm under an applied load of 100 kg.

4. The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said cover is formed of a cover material having a melt index of at least 3.0 dg/min at 190°C.

5. The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said cover is formed of a urethane resin.